

IN THE CLAIMS

1-17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) An information transmission method, comprising:

a first information processing process comprising the steps of capturing input speech information, changing the input speech information to character data, and sending the character data to a network ~~including a remote server as~~; and

a second information processing process comprising the steps of receiving the character data via the network, ~~and changing generating second speech information from the received character data, to speech information. outputting the received character data, and using the second speech information to output speech.~~

19. (canceled)